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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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Examiner: Coppins

For: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF 5,5'-BI-1H-TETRAZOLEDIAMMONIUM SALTS USING HYDRAZINE HYDRATE AND DICYNAN AS STARTING MATERIALS

Date: February 3, 2005

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement, mailed January 25, 2005, to which a response is due by February 25, 2005.

The Examiner has deemed the claims present two separate and distinct inventions:

I. Claims 1-9, drawn to a process for the preparation of 5,5'-bi-1H-tetrazolediammonium salts, classified in class 548, subclass 250.

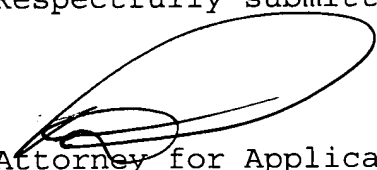
II. Claims 10-13, drawn to a different process, for the preparation of oxaldiimidic acid dihydrazide, classified in class 564, subclass 233.

The Examiner has deemed inventions I and II to be unrelated.

Applicants hereby elect the Invention I, claims 1-9 for prosecution herein without traverse, reserving the right to file a divisional application directed to the Invention II, claims 1-13.

Concurrently herewith, Applicants submit a preliminary amendment canceling the non-elected claims and presenting new claims directed to the limitations of the non-elected claims depending from elected claim 1 thereby presenting those limitations as part of the process of the elected claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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